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Louis XIV Gold Arm Chair, hand-painted.....	Was \$100.00	Now \$90.00	Venetian Martin Decorated Table.....	Was \$32.00	Now \$28.80
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Baronial Hall Chair, Tapestry.....	Was \$25.00	Now \$22.50	Fine Mahogany Bed Room Suit.....	Was \$550.00	Now \$495.00
Teakwood Hall Chair.....	Was \$125.00	Now \$112.50	Mahogany Bed Room Suit, 3 pieces.....	Was \$875.00	Now \$787.50
Italian Renaissance Hall Chair.....	Was \$150.00	Now \$135.00	Fine Carved Oak Sideboard.....	Was \$200.00	Now \$180.00
Louis XIV Gold Sofa.....	Was \$150.00	Now \$135.00	Mahogany China Cabinet.....	Was \$175.00	Now \$157.50
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## CITY ITEMS.

**WHAT** could be a higher commendation for a store and its employees than the fact that in the "CLAW" STORE you may find men who went into it as cash boys, who have been married in it, reared large families and have been continuously on the pay roll from twenty to thirty-six years? The number would have been much greater if it had not been for the fact that the time book of the word, "Dead," as to the female employees, our sense of gallantry forbids us saying how long many of them have worked faithfully and well in this St. Louis's Greatest Industrial Institution; there would have been many more on the margin of the time book the one word, "Married."

## Properly Fitted Glasses.

Are assured the wearer by consulting Dr. Bond or Dr. Montgomery, our expert opticians. Steel frames, \$1 and up; gold, \$5 and up. Eyes tested free.

## MERMED & JACCARD'S.

Broadway and Locust.

## WATCH AND BROOCH RETURNED.

Phillips Dismissed Replevin Suit Against Mrs. Holland.

E. Frank Phillips dismissed his suit yesterday in Justice Spaulding's court against Mrs. Laura Holland to recover presents claimed to have been given while courting her.

Mrs. Holland was present with her lawyer, ready to defend the suit. The articles sued for comprised a lady's gold watch with a diamond setting, a brooch with pearls and diamonds in the center, and several articles of lady's wearing apparel.

Mrs. Holland, it was stated, agreed when the suit was filed to return the watch and brooch.

## ACCIDENTAL?

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death on the man who fell from the window ledge on which he had fallen asleep. But the death was really due to carelessness.

There are a great many lives and limbs needlessly terminated as a result of carelessness, although the medical certificate may read "heart failure." When a man takes chances with his stomach and neglects the warning symptoms of disease, he is carelessly inviting calamity.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect digestion and assimilation of food, which makes strength. It stimulates the liver, cures biliousness, and removes bilious impurities from the blood.

"I had been troubled with a pain in lower part of my stomach for three years, as severe I thought it would kill me in time," writes Mr. Aaron Van Dam, of (Kensington) 210 12th St., Chicago, Ill. "I could hardly work; it felt like a big weight hanging on me and got so bad that I had to take medicine. I used Stomach Bitters for a time, but it did no good so I wrote to Dr. Pierce for advice, which he gave me immediately. I followed his directions; used two bottles of his medicine and was cured. I had a torpid liver which was troubling me instead of a cramp (as I thought), so Dr. Pierce told me I had pleasure in living now; have gained in weight 15 pounds since then."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They do not bog the pill habit.

## BOER SURVIVOR OF MANY BATTLES, NERVOUS IN A ST. LOUIS ELEVATOR.

Captain Fischer of the Orange Free State, Who Comes to America to Live, Says the Complexion of the Women Here Is Bad.



CAPTAIN FRANS FISCHER.

Who fought valiantly under Generals Joubert and De Wet in Boer war.

Captain Frans Fischer, former commander of States' Artillery under General Joubert during the struggle of the Boers against Great Britain and who is a survivor of seventeen pitched battles and 50 skirmishes, and son of Abram Fischer, one of the delegates who came to the United States during the strife to seek aid, departed from St. Louis last night for Philadelphia, where he will make his home until the time arrives when he can return to his native land and find it free from English rule.

Captain Fischer was nervous about riding to the top of the Holland building in the elevator when he went to confer with Gerrit H. Ten Broek, Vice Consul for the Netherlands. He said he was afraid the strings would break.

He was very careful about the old adage, "When in Rome do as the Romans do," and asked if it was impolite to smoke a pipe on the street.

He was not very favorably impressed with American women. They have such a beastly complexion, he said.

"Our girls," he continued, "are as fair as a lily, and you never see them about the streets as you do in this country."

## WOUNDED FIVE TIMES.

Captain Fischer, who is 25 years old, was born in the Orange Free State, and says he will never become reconciled to the parties who were responsible for the surrender of the Boers.

He blamed General Botha and the people of the Transvaal, and declares that his people in the Orange Free State, who held out for continued warfare, would have won the struggle if they had been allowed to carry on the war for two years longer.

He hopes some day to return and fight the British again. At present he suffers greatly from his battle wounds received in the defense of his country.

This morning he escaped the close of hostilities Captain Fischer acted as chief scout under General De Wet. He was never taken prisoner during the war, and seven months' period of the war.

He was a personal friend of President Oom Paul Kruger, with whom, he says, he often slipped coffee. He says the "Old Man" is as plain as an old shoe, and was terribly put out when he heard that Boer had signed an armistice which virtually took away the Boers' freedom.

## CAPTAIN FRANS FISCHER.

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Captain Fischer was present at Volmar, instead when the armistice was signed and protested against it, but was powerless to prevent it.

Lord Kitchener, Generals Ian and Bruce Hamilton, and Generals Bullard and French of the British forces were present at the signing, on May 14, 1902.

## JOINS DUTCH COLONY.

Captain Fischer declares that only for pay did the people of the Transvaal surrender to the British.

The sum of \$150,000 was given to resist the British and rebuild homes, besides the promise of free taxes for a period of five years.

This transaction, he claims, is a mere beguilement when compared to the wealth the Dutch Africans would have had if allowed to develop the resources of their country, which he says contains wealth beyond the dreams of avarice.

Captain Fischer goes to a Dutch colony at present in the Orange Free State, and he near some of his own people.

He speaks English fluently, having spent three years in England when quite young.

He was shot once through the left lung, three times through the right wrist and once in the right foot.

He suffers greatly from the cold. The first overcoat he ever wore was bought at three pence in the Orange Free State, and says that the British soldiers' fighting ability, and says that in a dozen or more battles where the Boers were defeated them decisively.

He was greatly impressed with the high character of the British soldiers, and says that he had never seen a better fighting force than the United States New Orleans.

## TORNADO SENDS SHIP TO RIVER BOTTOM

Seventeen Lives Lost in Wreck of the Steamer Olive, Near Norfolk, Va.

## SURVIVORS NEARLY FROZEN.

Stand for Hours Waist Deep in Water That Partly Fills Pilot House, the Only Part of Vessel Not Submerged.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 17.—A tornado struck the passenger steamer Olive, which plied between Franklin, Va., and Edenton, of North Carolina, at 9:30 o'clock last night and sent her to the bottom of the Chowan River, off Woody's pier, between Mount Pleasant and Oliver's wharf.

Seventeen persons were drowned, and others who were rescued are in a serious condition.

The storm when it struck the Olive caused her to go over on her beam, and when she righted it was only to sink on account of the water she had taken.

A majority of the passengers and crew were below at the time, and had no opportunity to escape to the pilot-house of the vessel.

This point was the only portion left above water, and in it, standing waist deep from the time of the accident until 6 o'clock in the morning, Captain George E. Witby and five others were saved.

No complete list of the dead has been obtained, but it is known that the following perished:

CHARLES LANSIER, hardware salesman.

MRS. BENNETT, Franklin, Va., and her young child.

ANNE WHITE, woman, unidentified.

KATHERINE WILLIAMS, deckhand.

ABRAHAM COOPER, fireman.

PARKER, fireman.

Six negro members of the crew.

Three unidentified passengers, one white.

Those saved were:

Captain Witby, Engineer Conroy, Purser Bell, the two stewards and two white passengers.

At 6 o'clock this morning, the river steamer Pettie hove in sight and rescued the almost frozen survivors.

The Olive was a small, single screw vessel, owned by J. A. Prewell of Franklin, Va., and has been plying between North Carolina and Virginia for several years. She left Franklin last evening for Edenton and had almost arrived at her destination when the tornado struck her.

## Birthmonth Rings for February.

Set with amethyst, meaning "Contentment," \$2.50 to \$5, and with amethyst and diamonds, \$20 to \$50.

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## KELLERSTRASS WHISKY OFFER.

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The Kellerstrass Distilling Company of Kansas City offers four full quarts of the best whisky made for \$3.15. The whisky will be sent to any part of the United States with express charges prepaid. For that reason the Kellerstrass whisky is well known in all places, whether they are large cities or far-away country villages.

The excellence and cheapness of the Kellerstrass whisky is made possible because no middlemen are employed by the company. Most of the sale is through the mail orders and the consumer buys direct from the manufacturer. The company does not sell to dealers.

It is claimed that this is the only way in which goods can be delivered to the consumer in the pure condition which it leaves the factory.

The many orders of Kellerstrass whisky to refund money paid for their goods if not satisfactory. Although its regular consumers in the United States and Canada amount to 325,000, not one of them has ever made a single complaint.

Kellerstrass is considered the largest whisky house in the world. Its express bill amounts to \$2,000 yearly. The Kellerstrass whisky is double copper distilled and is claimed to be absolutely pure.

\$20.00—Mardi Gras—\$20.00.

Account of increased travel. Illinois Central will run through sleeping cars Feb. 17-22 to New Orleans on its fast night train. The New Orleans Limited, as well as on its fast noon train, the New Orleans Special.

## Chafing Dishes

Special 20th Century Chafing Dishes.....

New Vapor Chafing Dishes.....

Complete assortment—Alcohol, Gas, Vapor, Electric, Nickel and Silver Plated.

\$2.75 up to \$60.00.

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## OPPOSITION TO NELSON BILL.

Law Enforcement League Sends Committee to Jefferson City.

Senator Nelson's perpetual dramshop license bill, which has been passed by the Senate, will be strenuously opposed by the Law Enforcement League of St. Louis.

Father Coffey, George N. Williams and John H. Shepley, representing the league, will go to Jefferson City this morning and appear before the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence of the House to protest against the passage of the bill. The Knights of Father Matthew will be represented at the conference by Attorney William N. O'Brien.

"The bill," said Father Coffey last night, "was introduced through the Senate without the knowledge of the respectable citizens of the community."

"It was only by accident that I learned that the bill had been passed. I at once brought it under before the league with the result that the committee was appointed to go to Jefferson City."

The committee on Criminal Jurisprudence is composed of the following Representatives: W. P. Carr, Michael Casey, Newlin, come market opened firm at 9:45. William H. Locker, John W. Terrill, A. L. Gardner, J. W. Hensley, L. V. McPherson and Carl Nowell.

## Wedding Invitations, Calling Cards

And engraved stationery for every requirement of society elegantly and promptly executed at very reasonable prices.

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## ACTIVE COTTON SPECULATION.

Market Showed Positive Evidence of Manipulation.

## REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Feb. 17.—Speculation in cotton today, while restricted as a result of wire trouble, was active and the market was rapidly advanced, chiefly, it was said, as a result of the continued purchases by the New England bull syndicate.

The market opened firm at an advance of 3/16 points, and following the call, exhibited still further strength under the unfavorable weather news and surprisingly strong Liverpool cables.

At the best prices, considerable lines of short cotton were put out, under which pressure the market weakened partially.

The market continued to work upward in the early afternoon. May reaching 9.57 and July 9.55. Covering and Wall Street buying were the features, although July appeared to be receiving some bull support.

The whole market betrayed the presence of manipulation, and the general trade showed intimidation in view of the numerous surprises from Liverpool as worked from this side.

## ARID LAND OFFICIALS ACCUSED.

Montana Legislator Says \$30,000 Has Been Misappropriated.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 17.—Chairman Everett of the House Committee on Irrigation and Water Rights, to which was referred a resolution calling for investigation of the State A-24 Land Commission, today announced in the House, that the inquiry had been made by certain members of the commission had not been applied as the law directed.

The charge was made that the money had been misappropriated. On motion of Mr. Everett the committee received \$20 to employ counsel and a stenographer with which to further prosecute investigation.

BERLIN—Professor Mommensen, the historian, was knocked down by a cab and sustained a slight injury on the back of the head.

## Brandt's ALTERATION SALE

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Our belated cold snap does not interfere with our workmen in the least. They saw, and dig, and push us aside, and need room worse and worse as they near completion, so we have to throw out more goods to give added space to work on.

500 pairs of Ladies' Shoes—Dongola, Cloth and Kid Tops—mostly narrow widths, but good sizes—if we have your size, you'll find them worth your while, at.....

98c

500 Ladies' Dongola, Lace, Patent Tip, Medium Heel, Round Toe—the latest styles—to give us elbow room.....

\$1.75

Ladies' Felt Juliettes, fur trimmed, different colors, hand-turned soles—also several other kinds of felt slippers, for.....

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400 pairs Men's Box and Wax Calf Lace Shoes—good run of sizes—worth your while, for.....

\$1.48

One big lot of samples of Men's Shoes—sizes 6 to 7½ and 8. If your size is among them, they are the cheapest yet.....

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## COX & GORDON, 1019 S. Third Street

and proceeded to Clayton. Traffic was delayed two hours.

## BRIDGROOM'S FATHER ANGRY.

Too Young to Secure License Here, Couple Elope to St. Charles.

Because they were too young to secure a marriage license here, St. Louis, Albert Jackson, 18 years old of No. 1321 North Lemmon, and Miss Maud Polson, 17 years old of No. 1210 Jackson, eloped to St. Charles, where they were married.

Returning to St. Louis each went to their respective homes, and their parents knew nothing of the marriage until last night. Louis Jackson, father of the young man, threatened to prosecute the St. Charles authorities for issuing a license to the youthful couple.

While he did not object to the young lady as a daughter-in-law, he thought the couple should have waited a few years before marriage. Young Jackson is employed at the Peters Shoe Company's factory.

## Don't Treat "Grip" Lightly.

Its after-effects are serious, unless thoroughly dispelled by Orangeine powders.

## VOTES FOR THE BOND ISSUE.

Jefferson City Will Erect New School Buildings.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 17.—Jefferson City today voted to issue \$50,000 worth of school bonds for the erection of several new school buildings. About two-thirds of the voters voted for the proposition, which resulted in 1,187 votes for the proposition to issue the bonds.

The buildings will be erected this spring and consist of a central school building, three ward schools and a negro school.

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